REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 8, 9, and 12-21 are pending in the application, of which claims 1, 16, 17, 20

and 21 have been amended. Claim 13 was allowed.

Claims 1-4, 8, 9, 12 and 14-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being

anticipated by Ishibashi et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,579,657 B1).

Claims 1, 16, 17, 20 and 21 have been amended to delete "polyoxyethylene derivative."

Ishibashi et al. do not disclose the claimed nonionic surfactant. Thus, the rejection under 35

U.S.C. § 102(e) is not supported by Ishibashi et al. Reconsideration of the rejection is

respectfully requested.

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, Applicants

submit that that the claims, as herein amended, are in condition for allowance. Applicants

request such action at an early date.

If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the

Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number

indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

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